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1. SCIOFF RAISED POINTS IN REF A. WITH VOLKOV OF MINFISH

OCTOBER 2. VOLKOV'S "PRELIMINARY" REACTION WAS AGREEMENT WITH THE US POSITION THAT THE NORMAL SIX-MONTH PERIOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ICNAF PROPOSALS WOULD BE TOO LONG IN THE SPECIFIC CASE OF SUBAREA 5 AND STATISTICAL AREA 6. HOWEVER, VOLKOV THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES AT THE OTTAWA MEETING WITHOUT CHANGING THE FORMAL ARTICLES OF THE ICNAF CONVENTION RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION.

2. IN REGARD TO HERRING AND MACKEREL IN SA-5 AND SA-6, VOLKOV SAID IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR CONSERVATION MEASURES AT THE OTTAWA MEETING IN OCTOBER BECAUSE MEASURES FOR ALL OF THE ICNAF AREAS WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE ROME MEETING IN JANUARY, 1974. VOLKOV ADDED THAT THE USSR EXPECTED INCREASED CATCH QUANTITIES IN OTHER SUBAREAS IF IT AGREED TO A REDUCTION IN SA-5 AND SA-6.

3. IN RESPONSE TO THE US DELEGATION'S REQUEST THAT ALL DELEGATIONS BRING STATISTICAL DATA ON SA-5 AND SA-6 CATCHES FOR 1973 (REF B), VOLKOV AGREED THAT IT WAS VITAL FOR THE ICNAF COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE AS MUCH SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE IN ADVANCE BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS ON CONSERVATION MEASURES.

4. VOLKOV SAID THAT THE USSR WAS STILL STUDYING THE US PROPOSALS FOR CONSERVATION MEASURES IN SA'S 5 AND 6 WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING (REFS C AND D) BUT NO OFFICIAL POSITION HAS YET BEEN REACHED ON THESE PROPOSALS.

5. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISCUSSION, VOLKOV SAID THAT IF MORE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ICNAF MEASURES IS TO BE EFFECTIVE, IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE SPEED AND EFFICIENCY OF THE ICNAF SECRETARIAT'S PROCEDURES, BUT HE OFFERED NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.
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